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PROGRAM TO ASSIST CAREGIVERS

The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their November 6th meeting:

- The Board approved a \$761,288 contract with the California Department of Aging to provide a Family Caregiver Support Program. This program will provide support to informal, non-paid, family caregivers that are struggling to care for their older relatives at home and to grandparents that are the primary caregiver to a child. Services provided include information to caregivers about available services, counseling, and respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved of their caregiving responsibilities.

“I think this is an excellent program as it comes at a time when more and more grandparents are caring for minor children,” said Board Chairman Fred Aguiar. “Hopefully, this program will be a great resource for them.”

- At the request of Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar, Jorge Armendariz was appointed to the county’s Child Care & Development Planning Council. Mr. Armendariz works with the Para Los Ninos Ontario Child Development Center.

The Board also appointed Lesli Eide to an at-large position on the Emergency Medical Care Committee. She is a program director for Mercy Air Service, Inc.

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